

Senate Resolution 123

By: Senator Harbison of the 15th

A RESOLUTION

- 1 Recognizing and commending Reverend Dr. Marcus J. Gibson on the occasion of his 20th
- 2 pastoral anniversary; and for other purposes.

- 3 WHEREAS, Reverend Dr. Marcus J. Gibson has demonstrated his commitment to teaching
- 4 the Gospel, witnessing Christ through word and deed, and addressing the physical,
- 5 psychological, intellectual, and spiritual needs of others; and

- 6 WHEREAS, Reverend Gibson was called by the Lord 20 years ago to lead the congregation
- 7 of Greater Shady Grove Missionary Baptist Church as the church's pastor; and

- 8 WHEREAS, his vision and direction have helped Greater Shady Grove Missionary Baptist
- 9 Church grow in size and influence, uplifting the community like the light of Bethlehem and
- 10 serving as a spiritual leader and place for fellowship; and

- 11 WHEREAS, over the past two decades leading Greater Shady Grove Missionary Baptist
- 12 Church, Reverend Gibson has established numerous programs and workshops which have
- 13 improved the spiritual and educational growth of the church and the surrounding community;
- 14 and

- 15 WHEREAS, whether the task is preparing a sermon, visiting the sick, counseling the
- 16 troubled, baptizing a new believer, or acting as a theologian, educator, administrator, or
- 17 humanitarian, Reverend Gibson has shown the energy, devotion, and commitment truly
- 18 reflective of divine guidance; and

- 19 WHEREAS, the unmatched spiritual assistance offered by Reverend Gibson is a source of
- 20 strength and direction for persons in all walks of life; and

21 WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that this enduring example of God's message
22 of peace and love be recognized and congratulated for his innumerable good works rendered
23 on behalf of persons in need.

24 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body
25 recognize and commend Reverend Dr. Marcus J. Gibson on the wonderful occasion of his
26 20th pastoral anniversary and extend best wishes for many more years of successful
27 fellowship and leadership.

28 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed
29 to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to Reverend Dr.
30 Marcus J. Gibson.